



# call for proposals

## Ausschreibung

Theater im Ballsaal Bonn, FFT Düsseldorf and studiobühne köln will act as co-operation partners within the performance network WEST OFF 2024 that positions itself as a platform supporting and presenting up-and-coming independent theatre artists in North Rhine-Westphalia.

The call to submit a short concept draft goes out to ensembles, collectives, student initiatives and young artists from North Rhine-Westphalia. A selection from those submissions will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves to representatives from the three theatres in a short showcase. Up to three concepts will be chosen from those presentations, to be produced at the theaters for the WEST OFF 2024 series starting from autumn 2024.

Of particular interest are self-developed theatrical and performative formats that derive their artistic potential from a productive friction with social, political, scientific, or aesthetic questioning.

Terms and conditions: Submission of short concept draft until February 16th, 2024. Brief in-person presentation of concept at the March 2024 pitching.

The submitting theatre makers should be at the beginning of their artistic career and their work and life should primarily be centred in North Rhine-Westphalia. The projects must be feasible at the houses within the framework of the provided production means and be sufficiently tourable as guest performances. Hybrid formats and concepts that outline a digital option to realise will be considered equally. Questions of accessibility and reachability will be attended to during the work process, but they may also already be included as part of the concept.

We provide: A compact production budget; technical and spatial infrastructure during realisation; dramaturgical counsel and support by experienced mentors; advanced training in areas such as production management and production technology; integration into the WEST OFF 2024 series with performances scheduled in Bonn, Düsseldorf, and Cologne. Preparation and follow-up support with public relations work and project documentation.

The call is opened with immediate effect. The submission of the short concept draft (no more than 3 DINA4 pages, videos with online link) must be directed to the following address until February 16th, 2024 (11:59 pm): [2024@west-off.de](mailto:2024@west-off.de)

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